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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC FOR MIN CONFERENCE: JORDANIAN VIEWS

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1. SUMMARY: HEAD OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION AT TRIPOLI
ISLAMIC MINISTERS CONFERENCE SAID THAT AFRICANS AND
ARABS SPLIT ON ISSUE OF ISRAELI EXPULSION RESOLUTION.
ON PALESTINE DECLARATION, PLO DELEGATE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
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HIS PRIMARY AIM WAS TO AVOID ANY REFERENCE TO
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. PAKISTANIS STRONGLY
OPPOSED ADMISSION OF MORO FRONT IN OBSERVER STATUS.
UN RIGHT-TO-VETO AMENDMENT WAS PET PROJECT OF
LIBYANS, WHO PUSHED RECOMMENDATION THROUGH OVER
OTHER DELEGATES' INDIFFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF JUNE 14 DISCUSSED TRIPOLI ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WITH CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGS DEPT, QASIM GHAZZAWI (WHO WAS HEAD OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE).

3. QUESTION OF PALESTINE. GHAZZAWI SAID THAT AFRICAN BLOC, LED BY VOCAL SENEGALESE DELEGATE, OPPOSED RESOLUTION ON EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN AS BEING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AND, MORE IMPORTANT, IMPRACTICAL, SINCE EXPULSION PROBABLY COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED AND WOULD MERELY FURTHER ALIENATE U.S. AND W. EUROPE. ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE, SAID GHAZZAWI, REPRESENTED MOST SIGNIFICANT ARAB-AFRICAN SPLIT AT CONFERENCE. ON PALESTINE RESOLUTION, GHAZZAWI SAID THAT RATHER HUMORLESS, INFLEXIBLE PLO REP STATED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL AIM IN OVERSEEING DRAFTING OF DOCUMENT WAS AVOIDANCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IN TRIPOLI PALESTINE RESOLUTION. PLO REP SAID THAT SC RESOLUTIONS WERE "TOO POLITICALLY LOADED" TO BE USED AS REFERENCE POINTS. HE INSTEAD INSISTED ON AND WON INSERTION OF STRONG LANGUAGE INTO TRIPOLI RESOLUTION CONDEMNING "SUBMISSIVE AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS AND LIQUIDATION PROJECTS," TERMS WHICH WERE UNSUCCESSFULLY OBJECTED TO BY JORDANIANS. GHAZZAWI ALSO CONFIRMED CREATION OF SPECIAL JERUSALEM FUND WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD BE USED TO FUNNEL FUNDS TO OTHER WEST BANK MUNICIPALITIES, IN ADDITION TO JERUSALEM.

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4. MORO NATIONAL FRONT. GHAZZAWI SAID DECISION TO ADMIT MNLF IN OBSERVER STATUS WAS BITTERLY OPPOSED BY PAKISTANI REP WHO, SPECULATED GHAZZAWI, FEARED A SIMILAR APPLICATION FROM SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS IN PAKISTAN. HE ADDED THAT QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ISLAMIC CONFERENCES WILL BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT SUCH CONCLAVE, TO BE HELD IN DAKAR IN MAY, 1978.

5. UN RIGHT TO VETO. GHAZZAWI SAID THAT THIS WAS LIBYANS' PET PROJECT, WHICH THEY RAMMED DOWN THROATS OF COMPARATIVELY INDIFFERENT DELEGATES. LIBYANS CAME PREPARED WITH IMPRESSIVE AND DETAILED STUDY OF ALL SC VETOES SINCE CREATION OF UN. OTHER ISLAMIC DELEGATES WENT ALONG WITH LIBYAN INSISTENCE AS COURTESY TO HOST GOVERNMENT, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID LENGTHY DEBATE ON MATTER THEY CONSIDERED TO BE OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE.

6. ERITREA. GHAZZAWI SAID THAT SYRIANS AT FIRST STRONGLY OPPOSED LIBYAN EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN GOV. FINAL COMPROMISE CAME ABOUT WHEN SYRIAN OPPOSITION EVAPORATED, WHICH DID SO FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO GHAZZAWI.

7. CYPRUS. TURKISH DELEGATE INSISTED ON USING TERM "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH IN DRAFT ON CYPRUS ISSUE, AN APPELLATIVE WHICH SUGGESTED CREATION OF TWO SEPARATE STATES. TURK CLAIMED THAT NO SUCH IMPLICATION WAS INTENDED, POINTING TO AMERICAN USAGE OF TERM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OFFICIALS IN EACH OF 50 STATES. THIS CUSTOM, SAID TURKISH REP, DOES NOT IMPLY THAT EACH U.S. STATE'S "SECRETARY OF STATE" HAS AUTHORITY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF SECRETARY VANCE; SIMILARLY, HE SAID, HIS USE OF PRESIDENT DENKTASH WAS NOT MEANT

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TO SUGGEST RIVAL AUTHORITY TO ANKARA GOVERNMENT. GHAZZAWI FOUND THIS DEBATE INTERESTING; ATHENS, NICOSIA AND ANKARA CAN BETTER JUDGE ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

8. GHAZZAWI NOTED IN CLOSING THAT EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RIVALRY CAUSED EGYPTIAN SECRETARIES, TECHNICIANS, AND INTERPRETERS TO BOYCOTT CONFERENCE. INABILITY OF LIBYANS TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO TAKE PLACE OF EGYPTIANS MEANT THAT SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WENT UNRECORDED AND UNHEARD.

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